

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 918  
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Karen Blockman Carrier  
upon her induction into the Society of  
Entrepreneurs.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as professionals and community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Karen Blockman Carrier, who has been chosen for induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs, a prestigious honor that speaks to Ms. Carrier's dedication to her business and her community; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1991, the Society of Entrepreneurs was created to foster the development of the entrepreneurial spirit and to recognize the contributions of entrepreneurs to business and the community; and

WHEREAS, the Society of Entrepreneurs selected only five new members to join their organization this year, and these chosen individuals have demonstrated a gift for entrepreneurship in their professional endeavors, yet they have used this gift to enrich their respective communities as well; and

WHEREAS, Karen Blockman Carrier has been a vital force in the restaurant business nationwide; she began her estimable career in New York City where she opened her first restaurant in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carrier returned to her hometown of Memphis in 1987, and she immediately began to have a positive impact on the city's dining options when she founded Another Roadside Attraction, which has become the premiere catering company in the area; and

WHEREAS, Karen Blockman Carrier opened Automatic Slim's Tonga Club in 1991 and the Cielo restaurant in 1996; her business operations continue to successfully expand, including the opening of Another Roadside Attraction To Go (Harbor Town) in 1998, the Beauty Shop restaurant in 2002, and her most recent enterprise, Do sushi in November 2003; and

WHEREAS, respected for the commitment to customers as well as the excellent quality of their cuisine, Ms. Carrier's restaurants, along with her savvy business sense and creativity, have earned her several awards including the Memphis Restaurant Associations' Distinguished Restaurateur of the Year Award in 1996, the Rising Star of American Cuisine at the James Beard Dinner in 2001, the *Bon Appetite* Magazine's Great Neighborhood Restaurant Best of Tennessee award, the *Gourmet Magazine*-Restaurant Guide to America's Best New Restaurants, the *Conde'Nast Traveler Magazine*-Hot Tables 2003, and the Top 75 New Restaurants from Boston to Beijing; and

WHEREAS, a consummate professional, Karen Blockman Carrier is also a model public servant who shares her successes and talents with her community; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Carrier epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of the distinguished members of the Society of Entrepreneurs, and she will be officially inducted into the Society and recognized for her contributions to Tennessee on April 24, 2004, at the Society's annual awards ceremony; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Karen Blockman Carrier for her remarkable accomplishments in a stiflingly competitive industry; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Karen Blockman Carrier for her meritorious service to the state of Tennessee and the good people of Memphis, congratulate her on her induction into the Society of Entrepreneurs, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

